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### [E] The Most Difficult Problem

Dr. Eric Frykenberg, veteran missionary to India, was a great storyteller, and he could vividly describe scenes and events from his fifty-plus years in Asia. One day someone asked him, "Dr. Frykenberg, what is the most difficult problem you ever faced?"

Without hesitation, he answered, "It was when my heart would grow cold before God. When that happened, I knew I was too busy. I also knew it was time to get away. So I would take my Bible and go off to the hills alone. I'd open my

Bible to Matthew 27, the story of the Crucifixion, and I would wrap my arms around the cross.

"And then," Frykenberg said, "I'd be ready to go back to work."

### [G] Stand at the Foot of the Cross

Charles Spurgeon once said, "Stand at the foot of the cross, and count the purple drops by which you have been cleansed: See the thorn-crown; mark His scourged shoulders, still gushing with encrimsoned rills. . . . And if you do not lie prostrate on the ground before that cross, you have never seen it."

All are prone to coldness. It will do us all good to pay a visit to that old rugged cross. <sup>see this phrase there</sup> <sup>spurgeon</sup> <sup>E.P.</sup> must make their way

### I. The Place of Condemnation - "There"

Golgotha means "Place of the skull." Not only because the rocks on side form skull, but it was a place of execution. <sup>Rob Ball quote</sup>

A. A Place Seen by All Gathered - This was not a private place of torture, some dungeon laid far from public eye. No public place where the condemned suffered hours of painful agony not only before the soldiers performing the execution but before the eyes of the accusers and the curious and even the casual passers by.

B. A Place Selected by God - I believe it was God that chose this very spot in Gen 22 thousands of years before. Abraham in obedience to God made his way up this hill w/

his son Isaac to sacrifice him. It was here that Abraham said that great prophetic word "God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering."

C. A Place Showing The Grace of God - One might ask "How could this place of consent<sup>to</sup> execution & rejection be a place showing the grace of God. In our example of Abraham & Isaac, Abraham had every reason to kill Isaac, commanded by God, guilty of sin by seed of Adam, but what did God do? Stayed the hand of Abraham and provided a ram... Here man is the guilty one not

II. The People of Consent - "They"  
They were crowded standing by that consented to this horrid death. These active & passive participants are an

A. The Callused Regiment - These were the battle hardened soldiers doing the actual act of execution. Uncaring, just doing their job despite the moments of sadistic glee at the taunting ridicule and mockery of the lamb who opened not his mouth. Weren't we all at one point or another these callused hardened soldiers, mocking the

B. The Coldly Religious - Also standing by passively participating in this gory moment of torture were the religious, who coldly stroke their self-righteous hearts and say to themselves, "he got what he deserved" These are

they which trust in their own deeds to commend them to God. These who turn a deaf ear to the <sup>of Christ's claims</sup> obvious truth

C. The Curious Rabble - there were others there curiously peering in on this scene, who



1 Rob Bell Sr. – It was "a naked and barren hill that that covered the blood of criminals and the bones of rebels and prisoners; the place of vultures, jackals, and hyenas; the accused spot where love never rules..."

2 God selected this place as the place where His Lamb, the Lamb of God would be condemned to die for the sins of all.

3 ...not meeting up to the demands of God's Law. Yet God graciously provided Himself a lamb crowned with the thrones of the curse of sinful man to die in his place.

**Romans 5:8** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

4 ...are and eerie reflection of all mankind standing at the foot of the cross.

5 ...the great sacrifice of Christ Jesus.

#1 Intree

Calvary was an altar where Christ was sacrificed.

Calvary was a meeting place between God and man

Calvary was a battlefield between Satan and Christ

Calvary is a pulpit at which the Holy Ghost preaches the gospel to lost

Calvary where they crucified Him!

- 1 ...more agonizing and humiliating as the one of crucifixion.

✓ Despite the suffering of crucifixion tortures, it can not compare to the suffering inflicted by the Father in the three hours of darkness that day. Where God forsook His Son and in doing so unleashed the torments of eternal hell upon Him that you and I so richly deserve.

despite their busy schedule stopped to gawk at this scene. No words of protest no tear of remorse just a moment of curiosity as they go about their day they are like so many who H.S. draws yet will not believe <sup>to the saviour who knew him.</sup>

D. The Crying Relatives - There was a group weeping relatives

### III The Punishment of Crucifixion Crucified

Although we may look upon this word with sentiment to the 1st century members of society it would have struck terror into their heart. No form of punishment was more

A. Unimaginable in its Barbarism - In its essence crucifixion was nailing a person <sup>hands & feet</sup> in an upright position giving their legs slight bend to allow them to push their body up. This would cause pain at the nail in foot...

B. Undeserved in its Blasphemy - This precious spotless lamb standing before his sheepr as dumb and during the most shameful and wicked ridicule and mockery vs 35-37. If you're the Son of God save... He indeed was the Son of God <sup>provides a means of salvation</sup>

C. Unparalleled in its embarrassment - the guilty was allowed to wear an undergarment to the place of execution but upon arrival he was stripped of it and would be naked to the cross. Oh the humiliation & embarrassment <sup>the crucifixion</sup>

D. Unreserved in its Brutality - The crucifixion of Jesus was the full measure of the wrath of men and in the end, God. The scourging, the mocking the thorns, the nails the wood, nothing was held back.

E. Unavoidable in its Benefit - If we were to ever enjoy the benefits of eternal life & fellowship the God, then Christ must needs suffer the pain, the agony and the rejection of the cross in our place.



## IV. The Person of Christ - Him

This crucifixion was not of just another criminal  
climbs self across does not save, it is the <sup>that saves</sup> that was on the cross

### A. The Sovereign Son of Almighty God

Throughout his 3.5 years of active ministry  
time and time again, by his words; his deeds, by  
many signs & wonders he proved that he was the Son  
of God co-equal; co-eternal. He is God himself!

Jn 10:17-18 One author writes! He is the pearl from paradise  
the gem from the gloryland, He's life's strongest cord, He's light <sup>new</sup> bright

### B. The Sinless Sacrifice for all Guilt

As John the Baptist put it, Jesus is the lamb  
of God which takes away the sin of the world  
He is spotless and pure, undefiled and separate  
from sinners. His worst enemies could find no fault

1 Peter 2:22. And like the sin of her mother was <sup>of the house of David</sup> slaughtered  
not to pass over sin but for the blotting out of sin. His blood <sup>was the sacrifice</sup> washes clean

### C. The Suffering Substitute for all Generations

This Jesus is Messiah and Redeemer. The  
Promised substitute of God for all man-  
kind. It is by faith in his shed blood  
his alone that regenerates saves and secures the  
sinner. Heb 9:15 Hebrew 2:9 Tells us that  
by the grace of God he tasted death for every man. <sup>Rom 10:13 who ever shall call</sup>

## V. Closing -

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out of the darkest moment in time comes the  
brightest hope of all eternity. Nothing should  
capture our hearts more than the Cross of  
Christ! Nothing should spur us on to deep love for  
Him than the price he  
paid for us.

† John 10:17-18 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

Heb 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place having obtained eternal redemption for us.  
1 Peter 2:22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

4 Isaiah 53:4-11 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.